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Lt. Governor Peter Kinder names Kay Kesler of Salisbury as Senior Service Award Winner

Award recognizes volunteer work by Missouri Seniors

JEFFERSON CITY – Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today announced 35 winners of the Lieutenant Governor's Senior Service Award, including Kay Kesler of Salisbury.

Lt. Governor Kinder presented the awards today (May 8) at a luncheon for the winners and their guests outside his office in the Capitol. Kesler was nominated by Megan Fox, Salisbury Senior Center Coordinator.

Kesler is a longtime volunteer at the senior center, where she works as a kitchen aide and dishwasher, and she fills in for the head cook and helps with fundraisers. She also helps with fundraisers for the local Catholic school and volunteers many hours with her church, Prairie Hill Christian Church. Kesler also is active with the Salisbury Community Betterment Organization.

In her nomination, Fox said Kesler is known as a woman who "can't say no" when help is needed in the community.

"Kay never complains about going the extra mile to help a person or organization... and Kay never asks for anything in return for her volunteer service," Fox said. "She's an extraordinary woman, an extraordinary volunteer and an extraordinary senior citizen."

Lt. Governor Kinder presented Kesler with an official declaration and a Senior Service Award lapel pin at a ceremony in the Capitol.

"Kay Kesler sets an example for all Missourians with her kindness and willingness to serve the community of Salisbury," Kinder said. "Her selfless service is an inspiration to all who know her."

Kinder this year received more than 150 nominations for the Senior Service Award, naming 34 winners representing the state's 34 Senatorial Districts and one at-large winner. Kesler won in District 18.